

Tuesday, March 4, 1997

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate rejected Balanced Budget Constitutional Amendment.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1847–S1934

Measures Introduced: Two bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 390 and 391, S.J. Res. 22, and S. Res. 60 and 61. **Page S1924**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. Res. 19, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding United States opposition to the prison sentence of Tibetan ethnomusicologist Ngawang Choephel by the Government of the People's Republic of China.

Measure Rejected:

Balanced Budget Constitutional Amendment: By 66 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. 24), two-thirds of those Senators duly chosen and voting, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected S.J. Res. 1, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to require a balanced budget.

Pages S1847–83, S1884–S1922

Trade Act Application Waiver—Agreement: A unanimous-consent time-agreement was reached providing for the consideration of S.J. Res. 5, waiving certain provisions of the Trade Act of 1974 relating to the appointment of the United States Trade Representative on Wednesday, March 5, 1997, with a vote to occur thereon. **Page S1933**

Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of the nomination of Charlene Barshefsky, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, on Wednesday, March 5, 1997. **Page S1933**

Measures Placed on Calendar: **Page S1922**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—24) **Pages S1920–21**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:04 p.m., until 12 noon, on Wednesday, March 5, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1934.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AUTHORIZATION—NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the National School Lunch Act, after receiving testimony from Janet Bantly, Enfield, Connecticut, and Tami J. Cline, Alexandria, Virginia, both of the American School Food Service Association; Mary Kate Harrison, Hillsborough County Schools, Tampa, Florida; Dennis Bier, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas, on behalf of the Children's Nutrition Research Center; Michael Berry, Disneyland Resort, Anaheim, California; and Judith L. Dodd, University of Pittsburgh, Allison Park, Pennsylvania.

APPROPRIATIONS—AGRICULTURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Agriculture, receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Thomas J. Billy, Administrator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Michael Dunn, Assistant Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs, Terry L. Medley, Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Lon S. Hatamiya, Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, James R. Baker, Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, and Dennis Kaplan, Deputy Director for Budget, Legislative and Regulatory Systems, Office of Budget and Program Analysis, all of the Department of Agriculture.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, March 11.

APPROPRIATIONS—HHS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Health and Human Services, receiving testimony from Donna E. Shalala, Secretary of Human Services.

Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, March 20.

APPROPRIATIONS—INDEPENDENT AGENCIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998, receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Harris Wofford, Chief Executive Officer, Corporation for National and Community Service; Frank Nebeker, Chief Judge, Court of Veterans Appeals; Gen. John P. Herrling, Secretary, American Battle Monument Commission; Steven Dola, Deputy Assistant Secretary (Management and Budget), DOD-Civil, Cemetery Expenses, Department of the Army; and Gil Coronado, Director, Selective Service System.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, March 11.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 1,634 military nominations in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee resumed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense plan, focusing on Department of the Army programs, receiving testimony from Togo D. West, Jr., Secretary of the Army; and Gen. Dennis J. Reimer, USA, Chief of Staff of the Army.

Committee will meet again on Tuesday, March 11.

FINANCIAL DERIVATIVES ACCOUNTING RULES

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities concluded oversight hearings to examine Securities and Exchange Commission and Financial Accounting Standards Board proposals affecting the accounting treatment and supplemental disclosures of financial derivatives, after receiving testimony from Steven M.H. Wallman, Commissioner, Securities and Exchange Commission; Kenneth Lehn, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, former Chief Economist, SEC; Thomas D. Logan, Basic American, Inc., Walnut Creek, California, and Patrick M. Montgomery, ULLICO, Washington, D.C., both on behalf of the Treasury Management Association; William P. Miller II, Common Fund, Inc., Westport, Connecticut, on behalf of the Association for Investment Management and Research; and Joseph P. Bauman, Bank of America, San Francisco, California, on behalf of the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc.

PRODUCT LIABILITY REFORM

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee held hearings on S. 5, to establish legal standards and procedures for product liability litigation, receiving testimony from Representatives Campbell and Gekas; Richard Vuernick, Citizen Action, Victor Schwartz, Crowell and Moring, both of Washington, D.C.; Lucinda Finley, University of Buffalo School of Law, Buffalo, New York; Julie Nimens, Schutt Sports, Inc., Litchfield, Illinois; Steven J. Sharp, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Tom Deushle, Liberty, Missouri; and Steve Gunther, McLean, Virginia.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

SUPERFUND REFORM

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Superfund, Waste Control, and Risk Assessment held oversight hearings to examine liability and resource issues associated with the clean-up and redevelopment of abandoned or underutilized industrial and commercial properties, focusing on the current state of the Brownfields Economic Redevelopment Initiative and proposals to reform the Superfund program, receiving testimony from Timothy Fields, Jr., Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Environmental Protection Agency; Peter F. Guerrero, Director, Environmental Protection Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office; James M. Seif, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, Harrisburg; Mayor J. Christian Bollwage, Elizabeth, New Jersey, on behalf of the U.S. Conference of Mayors; Lorrie Louder, St. Paul Port Authority, St. Paul, Minnesota, on behalf of the National Association of Local Government Environmental Professionals; William J. Riley, Bethlehem Steel Corporation, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the American Iron and Steel Institute; J. Peter Scherer, Taubman Company, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, on behalf of the National Realty Committee; and William K. Wray, Citizens Financial Group, Providence, Rhode Island.

Subcommittee will meet again tomorrow.

MEDICARE/MEDICAID/WELFARE BUDGET

Committee on Finance: Committee resumed hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 1998, focusing on spending proposals relating to Medicare, Medicaid, and welfare, receiving testimony from Paul N. Van de Water, Assistant Director for Budget Analysis, Congressional Budget Office; and Jonathan Ratner, Associate Director, Health Financing and Systems Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, General Accounting Office.

Committee will meet again tomorrow.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. Res. 19, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding United States opposition to the prison sentence of Tibetan ethnomusicologist Ngawang Choephel by the Government of the People's Republic of China; and

The nominations of Pete Peterson, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, Princeton Nathan Lyman, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs, and a Foreign Service Officers' promotion list received by the Senate on January 21, 1997.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 14 public bills, H.R. 908–921; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 59 and H. Con. Res. 32–35, were introduced. **Pages H724–25**

Reports Filed: No reports were filed today.

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Ewing to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H711**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:58 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m. **Page H714**

Order of Business: It was made in order that on Wednesday, March 5, 1997, the Speaker be authorized to entertain motions to suspend the rules and agree to the following resolutions: H. Con. Res. 17, congratulating the people of Guatemala on the success of the recent negotiations to establish a peace process for Guatemala, H. Con. Res. 18, congratulating the people of the Republic of Nicaragua on the success of their democratic elections, and S. Con. Res. 4, commending and thanking the Honorable Warren Christopher for his exemplary service as Secretary of State. And, that on Thursday, March 6, 1997, the Speaker be authorized to entertain a motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 513, District of Columbia Council Contract Review Reform Act of 1997. **Page H715**

Suspension—Display of the Ten Commandments: The House completed all debate on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Con. Res. 31, expressing the sense of Congress regarding the display of the Ten Commandments by Judge Roy S. Moore, a judge on the circuit court of the State of Alabama. The vote was postponed until, Wednesday, March 5, 1997. **Pages H715–21**

Quorum Calls—Votes: No quorum calls or votes developed during the proceedings of the House today.

Adjournment: Met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 3:01 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Research, Education and Economics. Testimony was heard from Catherine E. Woteki, Acting Under Secretary, Research, Education and Economics, USDA.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary held a hearing on Attorney General. Testimony was heard from Janet Reno, Attorney General, Department of Justice.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Army: H. Martin Lancaster, Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works); Lt. Gen. Joe N. Ballard, USA, Chief, Corps of Engineers; and Maj. Gen. Russell Fuhrman, USA, Director, Civil Works.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior continued appropriations hearing, with emphasis on Natural Resources. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LABOR—HHS—EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, the National Institute of Drug Abuse and the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human

Services: Claude J.M. Lefant, M.D., Director, National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute; Alan I. Leshner, M.D., Director, National Institute of Drug Abuse; and Enoch Gordis, M.D., Director, National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction held a hearing on Quality of Life. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Jerry T. Alley, Jr., Command Sgt. Major, U.S. Army Forces Command; John Hagan, Master Chief Petty Officer, U.S. Navy; Lewis G. Lee, Sgt. Major, U.S. Marine Corps; and Eric W. Benken, Chief Master Sgt. U.S. Air Force.

TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE, AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government held a hearing on Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms; Federal Law Enforcement Training Center and the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Ray Kelly, Under Secretary, Law Enforcement; John W. Magaw, Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms; Charles F. Rinkevich, Director, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center; and Stanley E. Morris, Director, Office of Financial Crimes Enforcement Network.

VA—HUD—INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation and on the Selective Service System. Testimony was heard from George Knight, Director, Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation; and Gil Coronado, Director, Selective Service System.

THE ECONOMY

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on the economy. Testimony was heard from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System.

FEDERAL JOB TRAINING PROGRAMS REFORM

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education, Training and Lifelong Learning held a hearing on Reform of the

Major Federal Job Training Programs. Testimony was heard from Raymond J. Uhalde, Acting Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on International Relations: Favorably considered and adopted a motion urging the Chairman to request that the following measures be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H. Con. Res. 17, congratulating the people of Guatemala on the success of the recent negotiations to establish a process for Guatemala; and H. Con. Res. 18, congratulating the people of the Republic of Nicaragua on the success of their democratic elections held on October 20, 1996.

FY 1998 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Installations and Facilities held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 1998 Military Construction Budget Request for programs of the active and Reserve Components of the Department of the Navy and the Department of the Air Force. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Robert B. Pirie, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Navy (Installations and Facilities); Rear Adm. David J. Nash, USN, Commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command; Rear Adm. (Select) John B. Brunelli, USN, Deputy Director, Naval Reserve; Maj. Gen. Joseph D. Stewart, USMC, Deputy Chief of Staff, Installations and Logistics, Headquarters, Marine Corps; Jimmy G. Dishner, Deputy Chief of Staff (Installations); Maj. Gen. Eugene A. Lupia, USAF, The Civil Engineer, Headquarters, U.S. Air Force; Brig. Gen. Paul A. Waver, Deputy Director, Air National Guard; and Brig. Gen. John A. Bradley, USAF, Deputy to the Chief, Air Force Reserve.

READINESS AND PERSONNEL: VIEWS FROM THE FIELD

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Personnel and the Subcommittee on Military Readiness held a joint hearing on Readiness and Personnel: Views from the Field. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Lt. Gen. Thomas A. Schwartz, USA, Commander, III Corps, Fort Hood, TX; Lt. Gen. Ronald W. Iverson, USAF, Commander, 7th Air Force, Osan AFB, Korea; Vice Adm. Charles Abbot, Commander, 6th Fleet, Italy; Lt. Gen. Carlton W. Fulford, USMC, Commander I Marine Expeditionary Force,

Camp Pendleton, CA; Command Sgt. Maj. Roy Thomas, USA, 2nd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, Ft. Hood, TX; Senior Chief Legalman Renee S. Scheetz, USN, USS *Simon Lake* (AS33); Senior Master Sgt. Gary Simmons, USAF, 25th Fighter Squadron, Osan AFB, Korea; Sgt. Maj. Charles E. Constance, USMC, Regimental Sgt. Maj., 1st Marine Regiment, Camp Pendleton, CA.; Brig. Gen. Ronald Richard, USMC, Commanding General, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, CA; Brig. Gen. T. Michael Moseley, USAF, Commander, 57th Wing, Nellis AFB, NV; Brig. Gen. William S. Wallace, USA, Commander, National Training Center, Ft. Irwin, CA; Vice Adm. Bernard Smith, USN, Commander, Naval Tactical Warfare Center, Fallon, NY; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—ADMINISTRATION'S BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held an oversight hearing on the Administration's budget requests with respect to the following agencies of the Department of the Interior: the U. S. Geological Survey (except Water Resources Division), the Minerals Management Service, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, and the Bureau of Land Management (Energy and Minerals, including Mining Law Administration). Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Gordon Eaton, Director, U.S. Geological Survey; Katherine Henry, Acting Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement; Carolita Kallaur, Deputy Director, Minerals Management Service; and W. Hord Tipton, Assistant Director, Minerals, Lands and Resources Protection, Bureau of Land Management.

OVERSIGHT—ADMINISTRATION'S BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power Resources held an oversight hearing on the Administration's proposed 1998 budget requests for the Bureau of Reclamation, the Central Utah Project, and the Water Resources Division of the U.S. Geological Survey and the Power Marketing Administrations. Testimony was heard from following officials of the Department of the Interior: Patricia J. Beneke, Assistant Secretary, Water and Science; Eluid Martinez, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation; and Robert M. Hirsch, Chief Hydrologist, U.S. Geological Survey; and the following offi-

cials of the Power Administrations, Department of Energy: Stephen J. Wright, Vice-President, National Relations, Bonneville; J. M. Shafer, Administrator, Western Area; Charles A. Borchardt, Administrator, Southeastern; Michael A. Deihl, Administrator, Southwestern; and Rodney L. Adelman, Administrator, Alaska.

NASA POSTURE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on NASA Posture fiscal year 1998 authorization. Testimony was heard from Daniel S. Goldin, Administrator, NASA.

ETHICS REFORM

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct: Task Force on Ethics Reform held a hearing on the Ethics Process in the House. Testimony was heard from Joe Maskill, Legislative Attorney, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

ISTEA REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation continued hearings on ISTEA Reauthorization: Policy Initiatives and Requests for Highway and Transit Projects. Testimony was heard from Representatives McHale, Sabo, Furse, Blumenauer, Hooley of Oregon; DeGette, LaTourette, Kucinich, Thomas, Holden, Packard, Gillmor and Frelinghuysen; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue March 6.

MEDICARE HOME CARE, SKILLED NURSING FACILITY, AND OTHER POST-ACUTE PAYMENT POLICIES

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Medicare Home Health Care, Skilled Nursing Facility, and Other Post-Acute Care Payment Policies. Testimony was heard from Joseph P. Newhouse, Chairman, Prospective Payment Assessment Commission; William J. Scanlon, Director, Health Financing and Systems Issue Area, GAO; George F. Grob, Deputy Inspector General, Evaluation and Inspections, Office of the Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

"HIGH-RISK" PROGRAMS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on "High-Risk" Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the

GAO: Gene I. Dodaro, Assistant Comptroller General, Accounting and Information Management Division; Lynda D. Willis, Director, Tax Policy and Administration Issues, General Government Division; Jane L. Ross, Director, Income Security Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division; and Leslie G. Aronovitz, Associate Director, Health Financing and Systems Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services, Division; Valerie Lau, Inspector General, Department of the Treasury; Patricia A. Dalton, Deputy Inspector General, Department of Labor; and Michael F. Mangano, Principal Deputy Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services.

FUTURE IMAGERY ARCHITECTURE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Held a briefing on the Future Imagery Architecture. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 1997

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, to hold hearings to examine the Department of Agriculture's business plan and reorganization management proposals, 9 a.m., SR-332.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold closed hearings to examine global assessment issues, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings to examine legal immigration issues prior to the 1996 Presidential election, 3:30 p.m., S-146, Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Airland Forces, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on tactical aviation modernization issues, 10 a.m., SR-222.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on defense programs to combat the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, 2 p.m., SR-222.

Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on recruiting and retention policies within the Department of Defense and the military services, 2 p.m., SR-232A.

Committee on the Budget, to hold hearings to examine the Congressional Budget Office's analysis of the President's budget for fiscal year 1998, 10:30 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, Subcommittee on Aviation, to hold hearings to examine aviation safety, focusing on the work of the Gore Commission, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to resume hearings on the proposed Public Land Management Responsibility and Accountability Restoration Act, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works, Subcommittee on Superfund, Waste Control, and Risk Assessment, to hold hearings on S. 8, to authorize funds for and reform the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Liability, and Compensation Act of 1980 (Superfund), 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance, to hold hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 1998 for the Medicare program, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, to hold hearings to examine issues relating to the General Accounting Office high-risk series, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 9 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Rules and Administration, to hold oversight hearings on the operation of the offices of the Secretary of the Senate, the Sergeant at Arms, the Architect of the Capitol, and the National Gallery of Art, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Farm Credit Administration, 10 a.m., and on Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services, 1 p.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary, on Secretary of State, 10 a.m., and on the FBI, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, on Bureau of Reclamation, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, on public witnesses, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, 10 a.m., and on National Library of Medicine the National Institute on Nursing Research and the Fogarty International Center, 1:30 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, on Army Construction, 9:30 a.m., B-300 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, executive, on U.S. Pacific Command/U.S. Forces Korea, 10 a.m., and, executive, on U.S. Central Command, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, on the IRS, 9:30 a.m., and on U.S. Mint; Bureau of Engraving and Printing; and Financial Management Service, 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, on Council on Environmental Quality, 10 a.m., and on the Office of Science and Technology Policy, 11:30 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing on Financial Modernization, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee Domestic and International Monetary Policy, hearing on Conduct of Monetary Policy (Humphrey-Hawkins), 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Housing and Community Development, hearing on H.R. 217, Homeless Housing Programs Consolidation and Flexibility Act, 9 a.m., 2220 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, to markup the following bills: H.R. 649, Department of Energy Standardization Act of 1997; H.R. 363, to amend section 2118 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 to extend the Electric and Magnetic Fields Research and Public Information Dissemination Program; H.R. 651, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for the construction of a hydroelectric project located in the state of Washington; and H.R. 652, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for the construction of hydroelectric project located in the State of Washington, 3:30 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health and Environment, hearing on Medicare Home Health Care, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, hearing on the Administration's Education Initiatives, 9 a.m., 2175 Rayburn; and to mark up the following measures: H.R. 1, Working Families Flexibility Act; and H.R. 914, to make certain technical corrections in the Higher Education Act of 1965 relating to graduation data disclosures, 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice and the Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims of the Committee on the Judiciary, joint Subcommittee hearing on Improper Granting of U.S. Citizenship to Individuals with Criminal Records, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

House Oversight, to consider Committee funding requests, 2 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, to markup the following measures: H. Con. Res. 16, concerning the urgent need to improve the living standards of those South Asians living in the Ganges and the Bahmaputra River Basin; H. Res. 68, stating the sense of the House of Representatives that the

Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security Between the United States of America and Japan is essential for furthering the security interests of the United States, Japan, and the nations of the Asia-Pacific region, and that the people of Okinawa deserve recognition for their contributions toward ensuring the treaty's implementation; and H.R. 750, to support the autonomous governance of Hong Kong after its reversion to the People's Republic of China; to be followed by a hearing on AID Activities and the Central Asian Republics, 1 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade, hearing on "Report Card on NAFTA," 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights, hearing on Foreign Relations Authorization for FY 1998, U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, to markup the following measures: H.R. 400, 21st Century Patent System Improvement Act; H.R. 672, to make technical amendments to certain provisions of title 17, United States Code; H.R. 673, Patent and Trademark Office Surcharge Extension Act of 1997; H.R. 811, Patent Term Restoration Act of 1997; and a measure to establish a commission on structural alternatives for the Federal Courts of Appeals, 11 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 26, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide that the firearms prohibitions applicable by reason of a domestic violence misdemeanor conviction do not apply if the conviction occurred before the prohibitions became law; and H.R. 445, to provide that the firearms prohibitions applicable by reason of a domestic violence misdemeanor conviction do not apply to government entities, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, hearings on Fiscal Year 1998 Department of Defense authorization request, 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Procurement and Subcommittee on Military Research and Development, joint hearing on tactical fighter craft modernization, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, to markup the following measures: H.J. Res. 32, to consent to certain amendments enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii to the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920; H.R. 63, to designate the reservoir created by Trinity Dam in the Central Valley project, CA, as Trinity Lake; H.R. 412, to approve a settlement agreement between the Bureau of Reclamation and the Oroville-Tonasket Lake; H.R. 437, to reauthorize the National Sea Grant College Program Act; and H.R. 709, to reauthorize and amend the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, hearing on Quincy Library Group Forest Recovery and Economic Stability Act of 1997, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Basic Research, hearing on NSF fiscal year authorization, 1 p.m., 2325 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Technology, hearing on Biotechnology and the Ethics of Cloning: How Far Should We Go? 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, Task Force on Ethics Reform, executive, to continue hearings on the Ethics Process in the House, 10 a.m., H-144 Capitol.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Economic Develop-

ment, hearing on the GSA fiscal year Program and Rent Shortfall, 9 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on Superfund Reauthorization: Lessons from the State, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, hearing on the Education and Training Tax Provisions of the Administration's Fiscal Year 1998 Budget Proposal, 9:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, to consider pending business, and executive, to hold a briefing on Unconventional SIGINT (Signal Intelligence), 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

12 noon, Wednesday, March 5

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the recognition of two Senators for speeches and the transaction of any routine morning business (not to extend beyond 1 p.m.), Senate will consider S.J. Res. 5, Trade Act Application Waiver, with a vote to occur thereon, following which Senate will consider the nomination of Charlene Barshefsky, of the District of Columbia, to be U.S. Trade Representative, with a vote to occur thereon.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

11 a.m., Wednesday, March 5

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday, March 5: Consideration of 3 Suspensions:

1. H. Con. Res. 17, congratulating the people of Guatemala on the success of the recent negotiations to establish a peace process for Guatemala;

2. H. Con. Res. 18, congratulating the people of Nicaragua on the success of their democratic elections; and

3. S. Con. Res. 4, commending and thanking the Honorable Warren Christopher for his exemplary service as Secretary of State.

Vote on H. Con. Res. 31, expressing the sense of Congress regarding the display of the Ten Commandments.

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

HOUSE

Crane, Philip M., Ill., E369
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